Spatial random permutations

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- Exciting questions: Existence and geometry of long cycles.

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- We do not even know monotonicity of p_{α} .
- ► Only result so far: in d = 1 with convex potential, there is no (nontrivial) phase transition. [Biskup, Richthammer 2014].

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SRP: what is known

$$\mathbb{P}_{\Lambda}(\pi) = \frac{1}{Z(\Lambda)} \exp\left(-\alpha \sum_{x \in X_{\Lambda}} \xi(\pi(x) - x)\right)$$

► [B. 14]: Existence of the infinite volume limit if X is a regular lattice with periodic bc, and if for some δ > 0:

$$\sum_{x \in X} e^{-(\alpha - \delta)\xi(x)} < \infty$$

- ▶ [B., Ueltschi 09]: Absence of infinite cycles for large α .
- ► [Biskup, Richthammer 14]: Rather complete theory for d = 1 and convex ξ .
- ► [B., U. 09-11]: Phase transition for the **annealed model**:

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Theorem: [B.-Ueltschi 2011] a) The expected fraction of points in infinite cycles is

$$\lim_{K \to \infty} \lim_{V, N \to \infty, N/V = \rho} \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j: \ell^{(j)} > K} \ell^{(j)}\right) = \nu = \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{\rho_{c}}{\rho}\right).$$

b) For $\nu > 0$, long cycles are Poisson-Dirichlet distributed: $\lim_{V \to \infty} \left(\frac{\ell^{(1)}}{\nu N}, \frac{\ell^{(2)}}{\nu N}, \dots \right) = \text{PD}(1) \quad \text{in distribution.}$ V. Betz (Darmstadt) Spatial random permutations

2. From BEC to SRP (and back ?)

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Bose-Einstein condensation



Very cold quantum gases (e.g. ²³Na) behave radically different from classical gases: A finite fraction of particles will be in the quantum state with momentum 0. (Bose-Einstein Kondensation) Classical gases: Boltzmann-distribution.

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(S is symmetrisation operator, A commutes with S.)

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$$\operatorname{Tr}_{\operatorname{Symm}}(\operatorname{e}^{-\beta \boldsymbol{H}}) = \operatorname{Tr}(S \operatorname{e}^{-\beta \boldsymbol{H}}) = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_N} \int_{\Lambda^N} K_{\beta}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\pi}, \boldsymbol{x}) \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}.$$

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 $\mathsf{BEC} \ \Leftrightarrow \ \exists \varepsilon > 0 : \liminf_{N \to \infty} \mathbb{P}_N(C_1 > \varepsilon N) > 0.$

For U = 0 we can show this, what about $U \neq 0$?

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ODLRO, open cycles and infinite cycles

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If things are nice, we expect:

$$\begin{split} g_{\rho,\beta} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{Y_{x \to y}(\beta, N, V)}{Y(\beta, N, V)} \text{does not decay as } |x - y| \to \infty \\ & \text{(this is ODLRO in a different language)} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{The large } N \text{ asymptotics of the two partition functions} \\ & \text{are comparable uniformly in } |x - y| \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{Cycles connecting } x \text{ and } y \text{ are not rare} \\ & \text{even when not enforced, uniformly in } |x - y|. \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{Annealed SRP has infinite cycles} \end{split}$$

There is no rigorous proof of these connections.

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Feynman-Kac-representation:

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 $p_{\beta}(x, y)$ ist the transition kernel of continuous time RW. Balint Toth (93): Representation of the hard core Bose-Gas via an ensemble of self-avoiding random walks.

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3. Lattice permutations: numerics and some results.



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Thank you for your attention!

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